21. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said bite block is formed from plastic.

22. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said bite block is disposable.

23. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, further comprising another pair of spaced apart flanges, wherein said one pair of spaced apart flanges are upper flanges and the other pair of spaced apart flanges are lower flanges.

24. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said upper and lower non-incisor teeth engagement surfaces are serrated and irregular to provide gripping and seating of the patient's non-incisor teeth.

25. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said upper and lower non-incisor teeth engagement surfaces are pliable to provide gripping and seating of the patient's non-incisor teeth.

26. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein each of said flanges has a free end which is angled away from the patient's non-incisor teeth.

27. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said handle has a distal, flattened portion which bends away from a mid-line of the patient's mouth and in turn away from the exiting tube portion.

28. The patient airway bite block according to claim 27, wherein said distal, flattened portion of said handle is serrated for gripping.

29. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said bite block portion further comprises opposite side walls, each of said side walls having a groove formed therein for permitting passage of a suction catheter.

30. The patient airway bite block according to claim 20, wherein said bite block portion further comprises a projection on the posterior portion which extends beyond said flanges and which serves to prevent the bite block from moving too far back in the patient's mouth.

31. The patient airway bite block according to claim 23, wherein said bite block is symmetrical about a horizontal mid-plane passing through said bite block portion at a location between said upper and lower flanges.

32. The patient airway bite block according to claim 23, wherein the upper and lower flanges are angled inwardly toward said bite block portion in a direction toward the posterior portion.

33. The patient airway bite block according to claim 23, wherein the upper and lower flanges protrude from said bite block portion without any taper.

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